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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Quang T Van	3742

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the legal phraseology such as "means" often used in patent claims should be avoided in the abstract. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, "the insulation of the appliance", recited in line 6, is indefinite because it is unclear whether "the insulation" is "thermal insulation" or electrical insulation".

In claim 10, "the insulation of the microwave", recited in line 7, is indefinite because it is unclear whether "the insulation" is "thermal insulation" or electrical insulation".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 3, 7-8, 14, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson et al (US 6,840,773). Anderson discloses, figure 10, a method

for decorative an appliance comprising decorative element (50, 52,54) is attached to an exterior surface of said kitchen appliance (18); and whereby said decorative element (50,52, 54) is capable to provide the kitchen appliance with a look which matches a decor of a kitchen in which the kitchen appliance is located, make the appliance easier to clean, and improve the thermal insulation of the appliance.

6. Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11263629. JP 11263629 discloses an antimicrobial crystallized glass ceramic goods comprising decorative element is attached to an exterior surface of said kitchen appliance (see abstract); and whereby said decorative element is capable to provide the kitchen appliance with a look which matches a decor of a kitchen in which the kitchen appliance is located, make the appliance easier to clean, and improve the thermal insulation of the appliance. (see abstract)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 4, 6-7, 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11263629 in view of Glover et al (US 6,180,196). JP 11263629 discloses substantially all features of the claimed invention except said bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape. Glover discloses a bonding means (41,42) is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape (col. 4, lines 12-13). It would have been obvious to

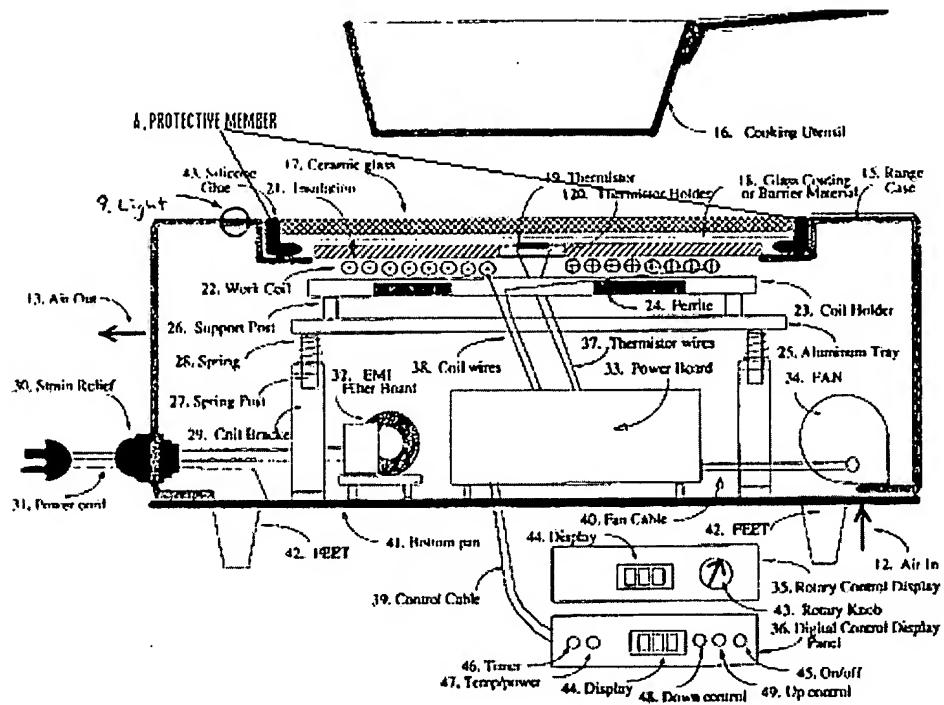
one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in JP11263629 a bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape as taught by Glover in order to bond the mounting object to mounting place.

9. Claims 7-8, 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11263629 in view of Lupoi (US 4,192,666). JP 11263629 discloses substantially all features of the claimed invention except said decorative element has a decorative pattern located thereon. Lupoi discloses a decorative element has a decorative pattern located thereon (col. 1, lines 31-32). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in JP 11263629 a decorative element has a decorative pattern located thereon as taught by Lupoi in order for easy to trace and mount the decorative element on the mounting surface. With regard to claim 8, plurality of variable sized and shaped decorative elements. Lupoi discloses a plurality of decorative elements (col. 1, lines 24). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to cut to plurality of variable sized and shaped in order to affix onto different areas of said exterior surface of said kitchen appliance.

10. Claims 12-13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11263629 in view of Lupoi (US 4,192,666) and further in view of Glover et al (US 6,180,196). JP 11263629/Lupoi disclose substantially all features of the claimed invention except said bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape. Glover discloses a bonding means (41,42) is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape (col. 4, lines 12-13). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to utilize in JP 11263629/Lupoi a bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape as taught by Glover in order to bond the mounting object to mounting place. With regard to claim 20, plurality of variable sized and shaped decorative elements. Lupoi discloses a plurality of decorative elements (col. 1, lines 24). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to cut to plurality of variable sized and shaped in order to affix onto different areas of said exterior surface of said kitchen appliance.

11. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11263629 in view of Bassill et al (US 6,630,650). JP11263629 discloses substantially all features of the claimed invention except a pair of protective members which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element. Bassill discloses a pair of protective members (A, figure below) which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element (17). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in JP11263629 a pair of protective members which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element as taught by Bassill in order to protect the decorative element.



12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang T Van whose telephone number is 571-272-4789. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00Am 7:00Pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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